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Subject: Good Morning

Hi Allison,

I hope you had a good July 4th weekend. I enjoyed some time off and general laziness.

I wanted to alert you to our plans to release the statewide MS4 permit for 90 day public comment. I will get you the public meeting schedule as soon as I have it. Let me know if you have any questions.

David

EPA is proposing to reissue a general permit for small municipal separate sewer systems in the State of New Mexico which establishes requirements to reduce pollution carried by storm water run-off. Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water drains into storm sewers and is usually not treated before it flows directly into neighborhood arroyos, streams, rivers, and lakes. Storm water has been identified as the source of pollution for tens of thousands of miles of rivers and streams in the United States including rivers such as the Rio Grande, Santa Fe, Animas, San Juan, and La Plata.

The proposed permit will cover discharges to small regulated MS4s in the Urbanized Areas of El Paso, Las Cruces, Los Lunas, Santa Fe, Farmington and other areas in the State of New Mexico. Excluded from this permit are those systems in Indian Country, Los Alamos County, and the area covered by the Albuquerque Urbanized Area Middle Rio Grande MS4 permit. The proposal includes post construction controls for storm water discharges. In mid-September, EPA will host a number of public meetings covering the five affected Urbanized Areas during the 90 day comment period. Industry and/or municipalities may oppose the action due to costs associated with compliance. Environmental groups are expected to be generally supportive, but may want more controls.

